

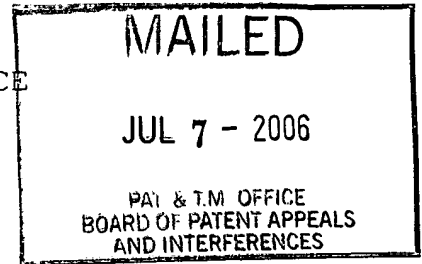
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte THANE M. LARSON
And KIRK BRESNIKER

Application No. 09/924,029

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 19, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On February 15, 2006, an Examiner's Answer was entered into the record. A review of the file reveals that the examiner entered a new ground of rejection. However, there does not appear to be any notation of an approval by a Technology Center Director or designee. See the Manual of Patent Examiner Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.05. Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner
to:

(1) either vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed February 15,
2006, or revise Examiner's Answer by acquiring the Technology
Center Director's approval on such; and

(2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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